II. Proposed Thermal Projects techno-economically cleared by the CEA and awaiting investment decision.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Estimated cost (Rs. lakhs)	Clearance from CEA	Annual coal requirements
1	Gandhinagar TPS Extn. Unit-4 (1x210 MW)	16388	3/84	0.78 MT
2	Kutch Lingnite Extension (1x70 MW)	6925	12/82	0.25 MT
3	Sikka TPS Unit-II (1x120 MW)	10270	2/86	(coal linkage yet to be confirmed)

Disparity between promotee and directly recruited officers

1. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a disparity in the Indian Oil Corporation between the promotee and directly recruited officers, in the matter of annual increments and promotion prospects;

(b) whether it is a fact that for the first 2/3 years of promotion from the staff cadre to the officer cadre a promotee officer does not get his annual increments and the same are adjusted against his personal pay whereas a directly recruited officer gets his increment every year; and

(c) if so, whether there is lack of incentives for persons of staff cadre to accept promotion to an officers's cadre; if so, what steps are being taken to provide such incentive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No distinction is made in IOC in respect of emoluments and promotions between officers directly recruited and those appointed to the Officer's Cadre from out of the unionised staff.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Delimitation Commission

2. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approximate time by which Delimitation Commission is likely to be set up by Government;

(b) what steps Government are taking to expedite legislation in this regard;

(c) wheher it is a fact that a case is pending in Supreme Court regarding rotation of continously reserved seats in legislatures; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to introduce legislation to rotate such continously reserved seats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a), (b) and (d) The question of fresh delimitation of constituencies and the allied proposal for rotation of reserved seats are under the consideration of Government as part of the proposals for electoral reforms. Government propose to consult political parties before taking a final decision in the matter. The question of appointment of a Delimitation Commission for the purpose will arise only after such decision and the undertaking of necessary legislation. It is not, therefore, feasible to indicate the time by which a Delimitation Commission will be set up.

(c) Yes, Sir; two cases are pending in the Supreme Court.

Setting up of Heavy Industries in North Bengal

3. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up some heavy Industries in North Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) to (c) At present, there is no proposals to set up any heavy industry in the central public sector in North Bengal.

Setting up of public sector units in North Bengal

4. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up at least two public sector units in the five districts of North Bengal which are backward districts; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for setting up public sector units in the five backward districts of North Bengal.

(b) Investment decisions of the Government are based mainly on techno-economic considerations, and are subject to the overall resource constraints.

Proposal to reduce time for canvassing in elections

5. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the time of canvassing for General Elections and Elections to State Assemblies so as to reduce the election expenditure;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Election Commission of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) There is at present no specific proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the time of canvassing for General elections and elections to State Assemblies. However, in the context of reducing the election expenditure, the Joint Committee on amendments to Election Law recommended, on a specific proposal made by the Election Commission, that the interval under section 30 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 between the last date of final withdrawal of candidates and the date of poll should be reduced from 20 days to 17 days. The Election Commission also had, in the context of its proposal for the introduction of electronic voting machines for the conduct of parliamentary and assembly elections, highlighted the fact that as the introduction of electronic voting machines would help in reducing the work relating to printing of ballot papers the same would also facilitate the reduction of the period of campaigning.